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**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
Chi Theta Omega Chapter**

P.O. Box 564  
Frederick, MD 27012

[www.chithetaomega.org](http://www.chithetaomega.org)

301-639-7879

**Mission:**

Alpha Kappa Alpha cultivates and encourages high scholastic and ethical standards; promotes unity and friendship among college women; alleviates problems concerning girls and women; maintains a progressive interest in college life; and serves all mankind.

**Current Projects:**

Chi Theta Omega Chapter currently has projects that target educational enrichment (ASCEND Achievement, Self-Awareness, Communication, Engagement, Networking and Developmental Skills), health promotion (targeting Alzheimer's disease and caregiver support, stroke/heart disease awareness and mental health), family strengthening (childhood hunger, family wraps and fiscal responsibility), environmental ownership (AKA 1908 Playground project, acts of green program) and global impact (with the United Nations Association).

**Interested in Collaborating On:**

Chi Theta Omega would like to partner with other organizations to aid in family strengthening, which would include childhood hunger, family seasonal wraps and fiscal responsibility programs.

**American Association of University Women  
Harford County Branch**

2105 Shuresville Road  
Darlington, MD 21034

[www.harfordCouty-md.aauw.net](http://www.harfordCouty-md.aauw.net)

443-504-5117

**Mission:**

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

**Current Projects:**

Contributing to GED Scholarships for women at Harford Community College. Fund raising to support book scholarships for women at Harford Community College. Contributing to Educational opportunities supported by AAUW. Conducting meetings that enable us to advocate and support women in need of education or assistance in our community.

## **American Association of University Women Maryland Branch**

Aauw-md.aauw.net

301-384-0331

### **Mission:**

Since 1881, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance. AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. Our commitment to our mission is reflected in everything we do; through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research, we advance equity for women and girls. AAUW nationally supports over \$3.7 million for 244 fellowships and scholarships, supports STEM education for girls, and on-going research that affects women and girls. AAUW Maryland is made up of 18 branches located throughout the state and an on-line branch.

### **Current Projects:**

AAUW Maryland supports the AAUW Public Policy Agenda, the Legislative Agenda for Maryland Women, and National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) Women of Distinction Ceremony. This year, AAUW and NCCWSL will be honoring retiring Senator Jennie Forehand of Rockville for her many years of service to AAUW issues and women and family issues in the State of Maryland.

**American Association of University Women  
Montgomery County Interbranch**

20080 Doolittle Street  
Montgomery Village, MD 20886

[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

301- 330-9349

**Mission:**

Coordinate the activities of the Montgomery County Branches of AAUW. Encourage middle school girls to consider STEM careers. Advocate for women.

**Current Projects:**

Support Sonya Kovalesky Program at Montgomery College to engage middle school girls in STEM projects.  
Encourage AAUW members to attend WLB.

**Interested in Collaborating On:**

Finding speakers who talk on women's advocacy for our branch meetings and other programs encouraging middle and high school girls to follow STEM careers.

**American Association of University Women  
Silver Spring Branch**

c/o Zimmerman, 1220 East West Highway, #1008  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

SilverSpring-md.aauw.net

301- 585-5644

**Mission:**

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. The Silver Spring Branch contributes to AAUW's growth and influence and cooperates with all levels of the organization in its work, while also concentrating its influence in the community for the solution of social and civic problems.

**Current Projects:**

The Silver Spring Branch, in collaboration with the Interbranch Council of AAUW Branches in Montgomery County, primarily addresses two issues: 1) Legislation and policy – county, state, national – communicating among branches and participating with local organizations to provide nonpartisan information/events to encourage citizen participation in the legislative and electoral processes; 2) STEM – working with Montgomery College and Montgomery County Public Schools to inform girls (especially middle school years) about science, technology, education, and math as topics to study and utilize in work/careers as they grow older.

**Interested in Collaborating On:**

Silver Spring Branch is interested in working with other organizations, especially through Interbranch, to educate the public on issues and encouraging their active participation at the county and state levels.

## Business and Professional Women of Maryland (BPW/MD)

1515 Baylor Avenue  
Rockville, MD 20850

www.bpwmaryland.com  
membership@bpwmaryland.com

240-498-8434

### Mission:

BPW/MD's mission is to achieve equity and economic self-sufficiency for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education, and information. Founded in 1929, the Maryland Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW/MD) is a not-for-profit, non-partisan, non-sectarian, self-governing and member-supported organization that is affiliated with the BPW Foundation. There are six local BPW organizations throughout the State. Our membership is diverse with administrators, teachers, business owners, and many other professions. Anyone who supports our mission may become a member. Member benefits include networking opportunities, state conferences, mentoring programs, political awareness and advocacy, professional & personal skills development, leadership training, and friendships with working women from all walks of life. BPW has been a leader in passing much of the nation's landmark civil and women's rights legislation including the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009, Violence Against Women Act of 1994, Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, The Women's Business Ownership Act, The Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and Equal Pay Act of 1963.

### Current Projects:

Founded in 1919, the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. (BPW/USA) was the first national organization formed to promote equality for women in the workplace. In 2009, BPW/USA merged with the BPW Foundation (founded in 1956). BPW/MD continues the mission of the National organization. Throughout the years, **three major issues** have shaped BPW's legislative agenda: elimination of gender discrimination in employment, the principle of equal pay, and the need for a comprehensive equal rights amendment. BPW/MD strongly supports the ratification of The Equal Rights Amendment. With only three more states needed for ratification, BPW/MD is working hard to support the recent legislation sponsored by Sen. Ben Cardin to lift the imposed time limit on the ratification so that the legislators in the remaining unratified 15 states may vote on the amendment.

### **PLATFORM**

**THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT-** Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

**ECONOMIC EQUITY** – Ensure pay equity and equal educational opportunities at all stages of life; and promote affordable, quality dependent care to help ensure economic self-sufficiency for women.

**HEALTH** – Ensure reproductive choice and full access to all reproductive health services and education; ensure funds for research into and protections for women's health care needs; and encourage the development of a national health care plan recognizing the special health care needs of women.

**CIVIL RIGHTS** – Ensure equal rights and remedies for women in all phases of their lives; eliminate sexual harassment and violence against women.

### **Interested in Collaborating On:**

Ratification of the ERA, Health Education for women, Eradicating Human trafficking abuses, and Professional development and leadership training.

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter**

P.O. Box 1731  
Temple Hills, MD 20757

www.dstfwac.org  
fwac@dstfwac.org

301-894-8311

**Mission:**

The Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter strives vigorously to serve Southern Prince George's County, Maryland, south of Central Avenue all communities in Charles County, in areas of education, political awareness, socio-economic development, and cultural and spiritual growth, while continuing to enhance the leadership skills and talents of its individual members.

**Current Projects:**

The objective of the Chapter's social action activities is to keep the Chapter and community apprised of current political, educational, and social issues within the community. Activities include seminars on domestic violence; anti-bullying, self-esteem, depression, and social media youth summits; voter registration; working with Prince George's and Charles County elected officials to deter youth crime; working directly with students in selected schools, mentoring, tutoring, and cleaning roads (Adopt-A-Road). Social Action falls under Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's 5-Point Thrust of Political Awareness and Involvement.

**Interested in Collaborating On:**

The Organization would like to increase advocacy and its involvement with getting legislation passed that affects women and children in our community.

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**  
**Frederick County Alumnae Chapter**

P.O. Box 1234  
Frederick, MD 21702

<http://www.dstfcacmd.org>  
[DeltaFCAC417@hotmail.com](mailto:DeltaFCAC417@hotmail.com)

**Mission:**

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. A sisterhood of more than 200,000 predominately Black college educated women, the Sorority currently has over 900 chapters located in the United States, England, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas and the Republic of Korea. The major programs of the Sorority are based upon the organization's Five Point Program Thrust: Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health and Political Awareness and Involvement.

Frederick County Alumnae Chapter (FCAC) is focused on providing services to Frederick County residents.

**Current Projects:**

FCAC is committed to scholarship, leadership and service. Through its Five Point Program Thrust, FCAC sponsors programs to address the needs of the Frederick community. 1) Economic Development: Programs on homeownership, managing resources, financial acumen, etc. are sponsored throughout the year. Business attire is donated to a local church for those entering/returning to the workforce.

2) Educational Development: Programs focusing on scholarship, leadership, service, self-esteem, cultural awareness, and literacy are offered to youth participating in Delta Academy (girls ages 11-14), Delta GEMS (girls ages 14-18), and Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence/EMBODI (boys ages 14-18). 3) International Awareness and Involvement: FCAC partners with numerous community organizations to raise awareness about international issues. Public forums, candlelight vigils and testing are conducted periodically in support of World AIDS Day, Black AIDS Day, and general community awareness. 4) Physical and Mental Health: Behavioral lifestyle changes including healthy eating and structured physical activity, foster care and adoption, domestic violence, and mental health are among the primary programming focus. 5) Political Awareness and Involvement: FCAC focuses on social issues, i.e., human trafficking, voting rights, registration and education, and legislative issues regarding healthcare, girls/women's rights, educational disparities/reform, etc.

**Interested in Collaborating On:**

FCAC is interested in collaborating with other organizations to improve educational and cultural opportunities for children. We host three youth initiatives for children ages 11-18. These are challenging years for improving self-esteem, exploring educational options, standing ground on moral and social issues, etc., while preparing for life after high school.

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**  
**Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter**

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Silver Spring, MD 20914

www.mcacdst.org  
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240-491-0275

**Mission:**

The Montgomery County (MD) Alumnae Chapter (MCAC of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, incorporated was chartered March 7, 1970 to respond to the needs of the residents of Montgomery County. The organization sponsors programs that align with the sorority's national five-point programmatic thrust: Economic Development, Education Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is a private, not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. Since its founding, more than 200,000 women have joined the organization. The organization is a sisterhood of predominantly Black, college educated women. The Sorority currently has 1,000 collegiate and alumnae chapters located in the United States, England, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica and the Republic of Korea.

**Current Projects:**

Montgomery County Alumnae Chapter (MCAC) of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. is committed to the ideals of Sisterhood, Scholarship and Public Service. Guided by our national Five-Point Programmatic Thrust (**Economic Development, Education Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement**), MCAC Deltas impact county residents through a variety of community services. Some of our current programs include: **The Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy and the Dr. Jeanne L. Noble Delta GEMS (Growing and Empowering Myself Successfully)**- fosters positive self-images, leadership skills, academic excellence, and community involvement to preteen and teenaged girls. **EMBODI (Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence)** - promotes educational, social and emotional development to African American males, aged 13-17. **SEE (Science and Everyday Experiences)** – helps students strengthen mathematics and science skills, and encourages careers in the field of science. **Scholarship Awards** – provided annually to college-bound high school students. **Health Fair**- promotes healthy lifestyle practices and health screenings to the public. **Social Action** – promotes political involvement through interaction with elected officials at legislative briefings, voter registrations, Delta Days at the County Council, State Capital, United Nations, and Nation's Capital.

**Interested in Collaborating On:**

Montgomery County Alumnae Chapter (MCAC) of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. consistently works with partners within the community. MCAC has established relationships with several organizations that share the same goals and ideals as Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority, Inc. to assist the residents of Montgomery County.

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
Potomac Valley Alumnae Chapter**

P.O. Box 59653  
Potomac, MD 20859

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president@dstpvac.org

240-552-4371

**Mission:**

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is a private, not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. Since its founding in 1913 by 22 students at Howard University, more than 200,000 women have joined the organization. The organization is a sisterhood of predominantly Black, college educated women. The sorority currently has 1,000 collegiate and alumnae chapters located in the United States and Internationally. The major programs of the sorority are based on our Five Point Thrust: Education Development, Economic Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health and Political Awareness and Involvement.

PVAC of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc was chartered in 1985. With an active membership of more than 160 registered and voting women, PVAC has worked diligently to provide programs and services that improve the quality of life for the residents of Montgomery County, Maryland for more than 30 years.

**Current Projects:**

Potomac Valley Alumnae provides a robust array of programs reflective of the Five Point Program Thrust of the national sorority that address the needs of western Montgomery County. The Educational Development Committee works closely with Clopper Mill Elementary School, visiting quarterly to share stories and books provided by Reading is Fundamental (RIF) with grade schoolers. The committee also partners with the Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC) to provide programs which focus on career exploration and development, college access, and professional growth and development to young men and women in those communities through our Delta Academy and EMBODI (Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence) programs. The Economic Development Committee provides workshops on financial management and planning. Through our Physical and Mental Health committee, we will chair the 2015 March for Babies in Montgomery County.

**Interested in Collaborating On:**

Potomac Valley Alumnae has embarked on the EMBODI initiative with the HOC communities. This program is designed to refocus the efforts of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc, with the support and action of other major organizations, on ensuring that African-American males reach their fullest potential educationally, socially and emotionally. PVAC welcomes the opportunity for a collaborative relationship with other organizations to implement this program.

## **Emerge Maryland**

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[contact@emergemaryland.org](mailto:contact@emergemaryland.org)

301- 788-1661

### **Mission:**

Emerge Maryland is changing the face of Maryland politics by identifying, training, and encouraging women to run for office, get elected and to seek higher office.

### **Current Projects:**

We are beginning our third 70 hour training program with 15 women in the current cohort. We have trained 37 women since our founding in 2012 and have seen 13 of them elected to local offices ranging from Central Committees to State Legislature.

### **Interested in Collaborating On:**

We are always recruiting for future programs. Building a deep bench of women who will serve in public office is a perfect fit with the mission of the Commission; to expand social, political and economic opportunities for all women. We are looking for women who are activists in their communities, PTA, local charities, and political groups who are thinking about running for local office but don't know where to start. We are here to help.

## **Empowered Women International**

Maryland Office: Nonprofit Village  
12320 Parklawn Drive #202  
Rockville, MD 20902

[www.ewint.org](http://www.ewint.org)

301-230-0111

### **Mission:**

Empowered Women International (EWI) creates economic and social empowerment resulting in expanded job opportunity for immigrants, refugees and other low-income women. Life and job transformation is brought about through a holistic model of entrepreneurship and workforce training, mentoring, access to markets and capital, and highly individualized support services.

### **Current Projects:**

(1) Entrepreneur Training for Success (ETS), including development of bilingual resources, and ETS is offered twice annually in the County for 16-24 women/year. In 2015, EWI will supplement ETS with bilingual training resources, including translated course material and bilingual trainers, to serve Montgomery County's growing Hispanic population. Highlights of ETS program and other EWI services: three-month, 60-hour course, plus over 100 hours of outside mentoring, in business skills, business/personal financial literacy, workforce readiness, marketing, public speaking, and fundamentals of creating/managing a micro-enterprise; applicants must present a business idea and participate in an intake assessment; program culminates with a business pitch to experts for feedback and opportunity for graduates to apply for loans from micro-lenders collaborating with EWI.

(2) Provides options for ETS graduates and other qualified women in target population: enroll in other EWI fellowship modules; participate in EWI workshops and community events; receive continuing support services, referrals and mentoring from EWI staff and volunteers

(3) In 2015 we will provide post-graduation mentoring and support services to over 9100 immigrant, refugee and low-income women in Montgomery County.

### **Interested in Collaborating On:**

EWI is interested in collaborating with organizations primarily serving our same population as a way of offering more services to our graduates and conversely to their clients as well. We seek partners with legal expertise as well as financial and social services. Interested in joint educational initiatives, culinary endeavors, merchandizing, and small business marketing collaboration.

**eWomen Network**  
**Montgomery County**  
19101 Roman Way  
Montgomery Village, MD 20886

[www.eWomenNetwork.com/chapter/Montgomery](http://www.eWomenNetwork.com/chapter/Montgomery)

301- 529-9948

**Mission:**

eWomenNetwork provides opportunities for women business owners and entrepreneurs to connect with businesswomen and promote their businesses, gaining access to potential clients, support and resources. Our purpose is to support, promote and showcase our members' products and services and help them not only achieve their professional objectives but thrive. We are a community of women who want to provide opportunities to transact business, collaborate and support each other.

**Current Projects:**

eWomenNetwork is passionate about helping women business owners and entrepreneurs to grow their businesses and be successful. Key challenges for businesswomen are constraints of time and resources. So issues of traffic, business and tax legislation are concerns.

eWomenNetwork supports a foundation, eWomenNetwork Foundation, which provides grants for nonprofits that support women and children in need. In 2015, we are planning to make a grant to a local nonprofit, and therefore, will be selecting a local nonprofit that is making a difference for women and children in the community.

**Interested in Collaborating On:**

Identifying deserving nonprofits that are making a difference in the community and are deserving of a grant. We are also interested in helping nonprofits find new ways to promote their organizations and fundraise. We would be interested in doing joint fundraising events.

## **Ivy Vine Charities**

43 Randolph Road, PMB 102  
Silver Spring, MD 20904

[www.ivyvinecharities.org](http://www.ivyvinecharities.org)

301-368-2105

### **Mission:**

Ivy Vine Charities, Inc. is the non-profit foundation of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Theta Omega Omega Chapter. Our mission is to raise funds in order to award scholarships to high school seniors and to support local, national and international organizations.

### **Current Projects:**

The events planned for 2015 are our annual Golf Tournament, Afternoon Tea, 5K Charity Walk, and Father Daughter dinner dance. Our most intensive project of 2015 is our Debutante program. Young ladies in high school participate in cultural, educational, and life management events and workshops, as well as community service activities.

### **Interested in Collaborating On:**

We are looking to partner with life management coaches to work with our debutantes. We are interested in combining our 5K Charities Walk with a health fair or health-related event. Our Walk supports the American Diabetes Association and our scholarship fund.

## **League of Women Voters of Montgomery County**

12216 Parklawn Drive, Suite 101  
Rockville, MD 20852

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LWVMC@erols.com

301-984-9584

### **Mission:**

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

### **Current Projects:**

The League of Women Voters of Montgomery County (LWVMC) is a multi-issue organization.

Our voter education wing publishes the *Voters' Guide* for each election, *The Elected* - which lists contact information for all the elected officials in Montgomery County and maintains a web-site that follows League activities and legislative action.

We hold monthly "Trending Topics" in libraries that are free and open to the public. This month's topic is "Children, Youth and Domestic Violence."

League committees study issues, create Fact Sheets and keep abreast of legislation in their fields. They also recommend action when needed.

On the action side, the League has positions obtained through a consensus process used for advocacy at the local, state and national levels; they include positions in agriculture, county government, education, health, housing, natural resources and transportation.

We publish a *Report From State Circle* during the Maryland State Legislature Session which highlights and follows legislation that the League has positions on and encourages our members to take action for or against a pending bill.

### **Interested in Collaborating On:**

We welcome collaboration on voter registration and voter turnout. We are currently holding a Roundtable on Civic Engagement to address voter turnout.

The League is interested in working with organizations to address controversial issues in public forums to provide factual information that will promote involvement and dialogue.

## **Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA)**

P.O. Box 8782  
Silver Spring, MD 20907

[www.mcasa.org](http://www.mcasa.org)  
[info@mcasa.org](mailto:info@mcasa.org)

301-328-7023

### **Mission:**

MCASA's mission is to help prevent sexual assault, advocate for accessible, compassionate care for survivors of sexual violence and work to hold offenders accountable.

### **Current Projects:**

MCASA's current projects include legislative advocacy in Annapolis, regular training for sexual assault advocates, an annual Women of Color Network Conference, and the Sexual Assault Legal Institute, a statewide legal services program for survivors.

### **Interested in Collaborating On:**

MCASA works with other organizations and individuals advocating for public policy in Annapolis. Please visit our website, [www.mcasa.org](http://www.mcasa.org), to sign up to join us.

## **Maryland Commission for Women**

51 Monroe Street, Suite 1034  
Rockville, MD 20850

[www.marylandwomen.org](http://www.marylandwomen.org)

301-610-4523

### **Mission:**

The Maryland Commission for Women works with Maryland State Government to advance solutions and to expand social, political and economic equality.

### **Current Projects:**

The Maryland Women's Hall of Fame and the Women of Tomorrow awards are the MCW's two annual signature events. In addition, the MCW has standing committees on Education and Outreach, Legislation and Public Policy, Public Relations and Communications, Health and Wellness and the Maryland Women's Heritage Center, as well as an ad hoc committee on the Status of Incarcerated Women. The MCW's priority policy concerns for 2014 – 2015 are: Violence against Women including human trafficking, rape kits in emergency medical facilities and intimate partner violence; Economic Equity for Women including pay equity, financial literacy, job discrimination, paid leave, increased minimum wage, STEM education and careers, and child care; and, Health and Wellness for Women including HIV/AIDS in the senior population, chronic disease, mental wellness, and obesity.

### **Interested in Collaborating On:**

The Maryland Commission for Women welcomes collaboration and partnership on any of its projects and initiatives.

## **Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women**

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[mdlegagenda4women@yahoo.com](mailto:mdlegagenda4women@yahoo.com)

443- 519-1005

### **Mission:**

A statewide coalition of women's groups and individuals formed to provide a non-partisan, independent voice for Maryland women and families. The coalition advocates for progressive legislation and policies that promote and protect the well-being of Maryland women and their families and provides them with opportunities to develop their full potential.

### **Current Projects:**

2015 MLAW Legislative Agenda; 2015 MLAW Legislative Reception (February 12, 2015); 2015 MLAW Fall Conference (TBA).

### **Interested in Collaborating On:**

Advocacy for issues included in the 2015 MLAW Legislative Agenda; expanding the MLAW coalition to include more women's organizations in order to increase the effectiveness of women's voices in legislation and public policy.

## **Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence**

4601 Presidents Drive, Suite #370  
Lanham, MD 20706

www.mnadv.org  
info@mnadv.org

301-429-3601

### **Mission:**

The Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV) is the state domestic violence coalition that brings together victim service providers, allied professionals, and concerned individuals for the common purpose of reducing intimate partner and family violence and its harmful effects on our citizens. The Network accomplishes this goal by providing education, training, resources, and advocacy to advance victim safety and abuser accountability.

### **Current Projects:**

2015 Legislative Agenda; legislative and public policy advocacy; 2015 Memorial Service (February 9, 2015); workshops, training, conference and technical assistance (e.g., service provision; best practices; advocacy; civil and criminal justice; health care; multicultural, immigrant, LGBTQ, interfaith, older adults, and Fatality Review Team project; law enforcement training; education and awareness; partnerships and coordination.

### **Interested in Collaborating On:**

All MNADV projects, but especially legislative advocacy during the 2015 Maryland General Assembly Session.

## **Maryland Women's Coalition for Health Care Reform**

6306 Swords Way  
Bethesda, MD 20817

[www.mdhealthcarereform.org](http://www.mdhealthcarereform.org)

301-351-9381

### **Mission:**

The mission of the Coalition is to seek solutions and advance reforms that promote health equity through access to comprehensive, affordable, high quality health care for all Marylanders. It does so within the construct of its values of: integrity, creativity, and commitment: and its core principles to: 1. remove barriers that exist between people and access to health coverage and health care, 2. leverage public-private partnerships to improve health in Maryland, especially for underserved and vulnerable populations, and 3. promote an effective health infrastructure that ensures coverage and care for all Marylanders.

### **Current Projects:**

The Coalition's current initiatives encompass the full scope of health care reform in Maryland. The primary focus is to ensure that as the State's reform initiatives (Affordable Care Act, including the expansion of Medicaid and Maryland Health Benefit Exchange; New All-Payer Model; Health Enterprise Zones, etc.) are designed and implemented so that the needs of consumers, and particularly vulnerable populations, are fully addressed. In addition, the Coalition has placed a high priority on projects to increase consumers' health literacy levels and to provide avenues for full consumer engagement in both individual health and reform efforts.

### **Interested in Collaborating On:**

The Coalition is fostering collaboration at the community, County and State level to advance its mission and, specifically, to support consumer engagement. This could include the development of programs and/or participation at meetings to explain Maryland's health care reform efforts and to engage stakeholders in appropriate implementation efforts.

## **Montgomery County Commission For Women**

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Rockville, MD 20850

[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw)

240-777-8302

### **Mission:**

The Montgomery County Commission for Women (CFW) is both an advisory board and a department of the Montgomery County Government. Established by county law in 1972, the Commission is comprised of 15 residents from the community, appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council. Commissioners serve three year terms. The Commission's primary responsibilities include: 1. Identifying inequities in laws, policies, practices and procedures; and recommending and promoting remedies; 2. Conducting research, holding public forums, analyzing economic, political, and social trends; 3. Publishing informational materials and providing education on women's issues in the community; 4. Holding an annual legislative briefing in partnership with other women's organizations. The purpose of the annual Women's Legislative Briefing is to inform Marylanders about state and federal legislative proposals of specific concern to women and families, and to build a strong advocacy for these important issues.

### **Current Projects:**

1. Economic Empowerment for Women and Families: paid leave, workplace flexibility, health care, minimum wage, child care, retirement and other benefits
2. Health and Safety for Women and Girls: Domestic Violence, human trafficking, women's health disparities, wellness, risks facing teens
3. Unique Challenges Facing Women: senior women immigrant women, single mothers, young women and girls
4. Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math: educational, vocational and cultural challenges
5. Fairness in Family Law: legislative issues, access to information, representation and services

### **Interested in Collaborating On:**

1. Working with legislative bodies on the federal, state and local level to introduce and pass bills and/or policies that enhance the lives of women in Montgomery County.
2. Organizing annual Women's Legislative Briefing.
3. Maintaining and improving communication and cooperation among local women's advocacy organizations.
4. Providing information to public on issues of concern to women of the county.
5. Fundraising to support Montgomery County Commission for Women Stem Endowed Scholarship.

## **Montgomery County Council of PTAs (MCCPTA)**

12900 Middlebrook Road, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Germantown, MD 20874

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[office@mccpta.com](mailto:office@mccpta.com)

301-208-0111

### **Mission:**

To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

### **Current Projects:**

MCCPTA is currently working to provide real opportunities for our members to speak to and impact the decisions of the General Assembly, County Council and Board of Education on issues relating to school construction, overcapacity schools, child safety, education policy, the achievement gap, county development decisions and other issues.

### **Interested in Collaborating On:**

MCCPTA welcomes the opportunity to collaborate on projects to increase civic engagement, address the achievement gap, increase opportunities for MCPS students, alleviate overcapacity schools, and maintain and improve the excellence of our nationally recognized schools.

## **Montgomery County Federation of Republican Women**

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Potomac, MD 20854

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301-983-3849

### **Mission:**

The Montgomery County Federation of Republican Women (MCFRW) represents six Republican Women's Clubs with hundreds of women living throughout Montgomery County. It serves as a Regional Division of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women (MFRW). Its purposes are to:

- A. Increase the effectiveness of women in contributing to good county and state government;
- B. Promote growth and cooperation of the MFRW and the National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW);
- C. Promote and support implementation of the principles of the Republican Party that enable our citizens to flourish: opportunity, freedom and growth, dignity and compassion and hope for a better future.
- D. Assist Republican candidates in all elections.

### **Current Projects**

Education: Working to understand more about the Common Core curriculum and assessing its usefulness as an educational tool for Maryland students.

Voting Laws: Working with various organizations to encourage Montgomery County citizens to vote, including helping inform voters about protecting the franchise of voting.

Responsible Taxation and Community Investment: Working to affect changes in excessive county and state taxation and make recommendations for prudent investment of reasonable tax assessments in our community.

Commonsense Government: Working to educate voters on participatory government, fiscal responsibility and benefits of good government.

### **Interested in Collaborating On:**

The MCFRW is interested in working with other organizations to facilitate smart legislation that benefits the citizens of Montgomery County and promotes freedom, opportunity, growth, dignity and hope. We want to facilitate a friendly atmosphere of comity and cooperation that ends destructive rhetoric between opposing parties and to build coalitions that strengthen our communities and provides opportunities for our citizens to excel.

**National Conference of Puerto Rican Women  
DC Metro Chapter**

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Washington, DC 20005-4016

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301-897-8372

**Mission:**

Preserving our heritage and rights through mentorship and leadership for a better tomorrow. Vision: NACOPRW provides training, mentorship and leadership development at the local and national level through workshops and institutes during its annual convention and through chapter programs. We preserve our Puerto Rican and Latino heritage through cultural activities and events. We advocate for women's rights and their educational and leadership advancement through collaboration with other national and local groups and through celebration and civil involvement.

**Current Projects:**

DC Metro is planning a Forum on the Current Economic Status of Puerto Ricans in the U.S. in collaboration with the Center for Puerto Rican Studies at Hunter College, CUNY and several local cultural and civic groups for early spring. A STEM career development and mentorship program is currently active in local high schools through collaboration with Latinas Leading Tomorrow. DC Metro also collaborates with MLAW to advocate for legislation in the Maryland legislature on Domestic Violence, Raising the Minimum Wage and Pay Equity.

**Interested in Collaborating On:**

NACOPRW DC Metro is interested in further collaboration with other Maryland groups working on STEM projects.

**National Council of Negro Women, Inc. ("PVS-NCNW")  
Potomac Valley Section**

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Silver Spring, MD 20914

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**Mission:**

The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) is a council of national African American women's organizations and community based sections. Founded in 1935, the NCNW's mission is to lead, develop, and advocate for women of African descent as they support their families and communities.

NCNW fulfills this purpose through research, advocacy, and national and community-based services and programs on issues of health, education, and economic empowerment in the United States and Africa. With its 39 national affiliates and more than 240 sections, NCNW is a 501(c)3 organization with an outreach to nearly four million women.

**Current Projects:**

The motto of the PVS-NCNW is "What We Do Matters," and we have a wonderful legacy of service from past national and local leadership. PVS-NCNW has over six program committees that are actively involved in our communities serving our seniors, youth and adults wherever the need occurs. Our members can be found in homeless shelters in food banks, senior citizen facilities as well as engaging as educators and mentors to our youth.

**Interested in Collaborating On:**

We would welcome and support collaboration in programs that serve the interest of women, children, and families.

## **Pride Youth Services, Inc.**

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Rockville, MD

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301-404-0874

### **Mission:**

Pride Youth Services (PYS) Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization with an established presence in Montgomery County since 2001. The organization's mission is to positively influence and improve the social, emotional, and physical development of African American youth and their families. For more than thirteen years, PYS Inc. has developed exceptional capabilities in serving underrepresented African-American youth and their families who have enormous potential but face many challenges that hinder their ability to succeed, such as trauma, violence, family separation, and other risk factors that may lead to negative behaviors, including violence, dropping out of school, and gang involvement. To date, PYS Inc. has served hundreds of African-American and their families through our various successful outreach and engagement activities at these sites and within the African-American communities as a whole. PYS Inc. is recognized by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) as a minority-owned business (Certification #MBE 04-134).

### **Current Projects:**

Since 2006, PYS Inc. has been instrumental in providing case management and supportive services at the Crossroads Youth Opportunity Center in Takoma Park, MD. This center provides holistic services to gang-involved youth and their families. In 2008, PYS Inc., helped to establish the first Montgomery County High School Wellness Center at Northwood High School in Silver Spring, MD, and as a result of our successful efforts in engaging and effectively working with the African-American and diverse student body, we expanded our services to the Wellness Centers located at Gaithersburg and Watkins Mill High Schools since the 2013-14 school year. The Wellness Center(s) provides a broad array of programs and services focused on supporting the physical, social and emotional well-being of the students. The Centers offer students a continuum of engagement opportunities and supports they can access throughout their high school years, including curriculum-based programs, mental health counseling, on-site health screenings, and case management services. Our most recent project involves providing targeted outreach services to support Montgomery County's effort in achieving its goals to "expand access to coverage under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (MHBE) Connector Entity program." PYS Inc. provides ACA-related outreach and health literacy support to underrepresented and disproportionately uninsured populations, specifically for the Black Non-Hispanic populations, during the open enrollment which ends on February 15, 2015.

### **Interested in Collaborating On:**

PYS Inc. is interested in partnering with organizations or foundations whose core mission is to strengthen minority communities through innovative and outreach resources.

## Prince George's County Commission for Women

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Camp Springs, MD 20748

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301-265-8423

### **Mission:**

The Prince George's County Commission for Women (PGCCFW), a board of the Department of Family Services (DFS), empowers women and girls by advocating policies and procedures that support women's issues. Our mission is to assess the needs of women and develop programs to target the critical needs of women, provide access to resources that support and strengthen women and their families in education, health, economics and safety. PGCCFW champions and acknowledges the accomplishments of women in Prince George's County (PGC). PGCCFW also advises and counsels the residents of the county, the county council, the county executive and various departments of the county, state, and federal governments on matters involving the needs of women and matters relating to discrimination and prejudice on the basis of sex to recommend procedures, programs or legislation as it deems necessary and proper to promote and insure equal rights and opportunities for all women.

### **Current Projects:**

PGCCFW supports and partners with organizations to meet the health, mental health, employment/training, mentorship, financial literacy, housing and related needs of women and their families including the elderly. PGCCFW operates in three programmatic areas of focus—Education, Domestic Violence (DV) and Human Trafficking (HT), and Empowerment.

**Education Program:** Women Educated, Women Empowered, Women Engaged (WE3) Women's Empowerment Conference; Merit and Need-Based Scholarships; Barriers to Education: Dropouts, Truancy; Parent University; Storks Nets; Early Childhood Education Training; Congresswoman Edwards' College Fair; Financial Literacy and Grant Writing Workshops.

**DVHT Program:** Family Justice Center—Judges Serrette and Tillerson Adams, County Executive, County Council and Agencies. Family Justice Center and Human Trafficking Task Force.

**Empowerment Program:** "State of Women and Girls" Workgroup, Free Health Fairs—Global Vision Foundation, Health Department Health Action Coalition, Judge Dawson's Teen Dating Violence Summit; States Attorney Alsobrooks' Sisterhood Summit and Brotherhood Summit; Council Member Ingrid M. Turner's Anti-bullying and Youth Empowerment Summit. Mental Health and Substance Abuse Conference—HHS Agencies, The Sanctuary at Kingdom Square and NAMI Prince George's County.

### **Interested in Collaborating On:**

PGCCFW welcomes sister organizations to participate as co-sponsors and/or attendees in our Women's History Month Luncheon (March 2015), Red Flag Domestic Violence Conference (May 2015), 4<sup>th</sup> WE3 Women's Empowerment Conference (September 19, 2015), Prince George's Family Justice Center 100,000 Strong Campaign (2015).

**Southern Prince George's  
Business and Professional Women (SPG/BPW)**

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**Mission:**

SPG/BPW is a local organization of the Maryland Federation (BPW/MD) and is affiliated with the national BPW Foundation. Our mission is to promote equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education, and information. BPW is a not-for-profit, nonpartisan, nonsectarian organization providing its members with the opportunity to develop personally and professionally through programs and workshops, enhance business relationships through networking, and support legislation that ensures economic equity, full access to health services, and equal rights for women in all phases of their lives.

**Current Projects:**

Current projects include providing programs on new technology, health and financial literacy for women, individual and workforce development, and environmental awareness. Other priorities include recognizing the contributions of women in the workplace, providing scholarships, supporting legislation that improves the status of women, and working to attract and retain new members.

**Interested in Collaborating On:**

We would be interested in collaborating with other organizations on any of our priority issues/programs.

## **The Greater Washington Area Region of Hadassah**

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### **Mission:**

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, is a volunteer organization that inspires a passion for and commitment to its partnership with the land and people of Israel. It enhances the health of people worldwide through its support of medical care and research at the Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem. Hadassah empowers its members and supporters, as well as youth in Israel and America through opportunities for personal growth, education, advocacy, and Jewish continuity.

### **Current Projects:**

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, was founded in 1912 by Henrietta Szold. Since its inception, Hadassah has remained unwavering in its devotion to Judaism, Zionism, and American ideals.

As the largest volunteer organization and the largest women's organization in America, Hadassah is committed to strengthening the unity of the Jewish people. In Israel, we accomplish this through progressive healthcare, education, youth institutions, volunteerism, and land reclamation. In the U.S., we reach our goals through Jewish and Zionist education programs, Zionist Youth programs, and health awareness programs, as well as by advocating for issues of importance to women and to the American Jewish community.

### **Interested in Collaborating On:**

From the start, Hadassah developed communities of women who raised money together, became activists for women and Israel together, and learned to become leaders in the Jewish community. Today, Hadassah has 330,000 members, male Associates and supporters, in every Congressional district in the U.S.

Hadassah has advocated at the community, state, and national levels for decades. Members advocate for issues of concern for women's health and welfare, families, and Israel. Hadassah's National Action Center keeps members apprised of legislation on state and national levels and provides information and access to contact members Congressional representatives.

**The Links, Incorporated  
Patuxent River (MD) Chapter**

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202-412-4787

**Mission:**

The Patuxent River (MD) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated promotes, delivers, and engages in exceptional educational, civic and cultural programs to uplift and transform communities in Upper Montgomery County, MD.

**Current Projects:**

The Links, Incorporated is an international nonprofit corporation established in 1946. The membership consists of over 12,000 professional women of color in 281 chapters located in 41 states, Washington, D.C. and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. It is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of extraordinary women who are committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry. We are business and civic leaders, role models, mentors, activists and volunteers who work towards a common vision by engaging like-minded organizations and individuals for partnership.

The most recently chartered Chapter of the Links, Incorporated (chartered June 27, 2014 in Montgomery County, MD), The Patuxent River (MD) Chapter sponsors an umbrella program called G.E.M.S. through our five service Facets (Services to youth, The Arts, National Trends & Services, International Trends & Services, and Health & Human Services), we mentor elementary and middle school girls to develop their leadership skills and make them well-rounded young ladies who are **G**lobal-minded, **E**mpowered, and **M**otivated for **S**uccess.

**Interested in Collaborating On:**

Some of the areas in which we are interested in collaborating include (but are not limited to) the primary goals of our Services to Youth umbrella program: promoting early literacy; implementing local mentoring programs from kindergarten through college; closing the academic achievement gaps from kindergarten through college; introducing and supporting science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and career readiness; implementing college readiness programs; increasing high school and college graduation rates; awarding college scholarships and building educational endowments; and promoting and supporting Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

## **The Next Chapter, Corporation**

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### **Mission:**

The Next Chapter, Corporation, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to empowering individuals to advance to the next chapter of their lives. The Next Chapter consists of two divisions: Veterans Support and Victim Support.

The Next Chapter Veterans Support empowers veterans to move forward to the next chapter of their lives as civilians. The Veterans Support Division provides career support services to include: career coaching, interview tips, resume reviews, networking opportunities and seminars. The organization's goal is to provide veterans with the tools needed to have successful careers.

The Next Chapter Victims Support is dedicated to empowering survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault to move forward to the next chapter. The Victim Support Division provides safe and confidential services to include: crisis intervention, preventive education, individual/group counseling, career coaching, and emergency housing referrals. The goal is to provide survivors with the tools needed to begin the next chapter.

### **Current Projects:**

The Next Chapter has many impactful initiatives planned for 2015. January's theme is to promote selfless service by giving back. Our organization launched a clothing donation drive in support of the House of Ruth and local area shelters. The Next Chapter will create baskets of love for survivors of domestic violence and rape during the Montgomery County MLK Day of Service at the Civic Center on January 19, 2015. On Valentine's Day, February 14, 2015, The Next Chapter will help to lead the V-Day events for the Washington, D.C. area. V-Day brings awareness to Military Sexual Trauma through artistic expression and advocacy. In April 2015, The Next Chapter will host a Sexual Assault Awareness and Action forum in partnership with other advocacy organizations. Throughout 2015, The Next Chapter plans to visit public schools, college campuses, local businesses, military installations, and attend local events to educate the community and raise awareness about domestic violence and sexual assault.

### **Interested in Collaborating On:**

The Next Chapter seeks to collaborate with local organizations, legislators, law enforcement, and individuals seeking to advocate on behalf of survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Our organization also seeks support in providing assistance to veterans to include: employment readiness, housing, medical disability compensation claims assistance, and counseling.

## **Woman's Democratic Club of Montgomery County Maryland**

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### **Mission:**

The mission of the Woman's Democratic Club (WDC) of Montgomery County, Maryland is to keep its members better informed, better connected and more politically effective. For the past 58 years, the Woman's Democratic Club (WDC) of Montgomery County, Maryland has been an integral part of our county's proud tradition of education, activism, service and reform. The Club offers women (and men) lively exchanges with leading politicians, authors, academics, journalists and policy makers, as well as opportunities for political activism on the local, state and national levels.

### **Current Projects:**

WDC is sponsoring educational Programs on campaign finance reform and prevention of domestic violence. The Club is also committed to advocating on behalf of the preservation of affordable housing in Montgomery County, the prevention of gun violence, a clean environment, and measures that ensure the financial security of all families, including increased minimum wages, affordable child care, paid medical and family leave, and affordable health care.

### **Interested in Collaborating On:**

WDC is interested in collaborating with other organizations on any of these progressive issues.

